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Dear Mr Gill

Thank you for your letter of 28 February 1997 regarding long term and transitional housing, issues of Corporate Governance, and the structure of co-operatives.

I understand that the project to restructure long term housing is in its early stages, and it would therefore be inappropriate to pre-empt the outcome. The tender document for the Transitional Housing Manager (THM) program specifies that THMs should be established as public companies existing under the Corporations Law and limited either by shares or by guarantee. I am advised that this is an appropriate requirement given the onerous responsibilities organisations will be contracted to undertake. However, agencies having some other corporate form may be considered, provided they are able to demonstrate that an alternative corporate form will meet the Office of Housing requirements.

Should you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact the Restructure Project Manager, Mr Tony Nippard on 9669 1429.

Yours sincerely

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